**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE BOB JONES UNIVERSITY BRUINS WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2016 NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO COMMEND THESE ATHLETES ON A SPECTACULAR SEASON.

Whereas, the Bob Jones University women’s soccer team rushed the field in celebration on Saturday, November 19, 2016, and with good reason: playing in Kissimmee, Florida, the Lady Bruins had just defeated Grace Bible College 2‑0 to win their second straight National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II National Championship; and

Whereas, Bob Jones University came into the season as the defending national champion. Despite having a target on their backs, the BJU Lady Bruins battled through the season, keeping their #1 ranking all season long. The team won its second straight NCCAA Division II South Region Championship, a feat that earned its players top seeding for the national tournament; and

Whereas, when the Lady Bruins won their second straight national title, they also won their third title in the last four seasons. Furthermore, they earned the Platinum Award for sportsmanship, and Coach Chris Carmichael won his second straight National Coach of the Year Award; and

Whereas, Bob Jones forward Mimi Lozano was named NCCAA Division II National Player of the Year, as well as First Team All‑American. Abby Davis and Jenny Townsend were also named First Team All‑American, and Natasha Walters earned Second Team All‑American honors; and

Whereas, the House is proud to declare its members among the BJU women’s soccer team’s most ardent fans. On behalf of the people of South Carolina, the House offers its congratulations on a class act and best wishes for continued success. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the Bob Jones University Bruins women’s soccer team on capturing the 2016 National Christian College Athletic Association Division II National Championship and commend these players on a spectacular season.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Steve Pettit and Coach Chris Carmichael of Bob Jones University.

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